## Mail Stop RCE

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

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See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

| Application Number     | 10/065,495       |  |  |
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| Filing Date            | October 24, 2002 |  |  |
| First Named Inventor   | Bunker           |  |  |
| Group Art Unit         | 3746             |  |  |
| Examiner Name          | Rodriguez        |  |  |
| Attorney Docket Number | 839-1333         |  |  |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application. 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

| 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114   |  |  |  |  |
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| a.   Previously submitted  i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on   (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)  June 28, 2004  |  |  |  |  |
| ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on iii. Other  b. Enclosed i. Amendment/Reply ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) iv. Other   |  |  |  |  |
| 2. Miscellaneous   |  |  |  |  |
| a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 35 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period ofmonths. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)  |  |  |  |  |
| b. Other   |  |  |  |  |
| 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.  a. Applicant claims "small entity" status.  b. Fees are attached as calculated below:  i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  ii. Petition is made to extend the due date months (less months previously paid) \$  iii. Other  c. Check in the amount of \$770.00  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)  e. Yellow the proviously paid or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm), to Deposit Account No. 14-1140 |  |  |  |  |
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